

Congress Smiles At Nixon's Proposals



IN CHARGE OF FREEZE: Brig. Gen. George Arthur Lincoln, as director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, will be in charge of the 90-day wage-price freeze announced by President Nixon Sunday night. (AP Wirephoto)

Individuals May Share Tax Relief

Democrats Trying To Take Credit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon appears likely to get essentially the economic legislation he has asked from the Democratic-controlled Congress, although pressure is forecast for more tax relief for individuals.

The White House declared itself pleased with the tone of a 2 1/2-hour discussion Tuesday that brought together the President, some of his top advisers, and key members of the Senate and House.

IN FAVOR

While apparently no commitments were made by Democrats to support the legislation in exactly the form Nixon has suggested, they reportedly were predominantly in favor of the thrust of his proposals.

In other economic developments Tuesday:

The administration asked labor unions to end current strikes and not start any new ones during the 90-day wage-price freeze, and hinted at mandatory back-to-work orders for workers who refuse.

Big unions withheld immediate comment, and reaction by smaller unions varied, some removing picket lines and others vowing to stay out.

The Office of Emergency Preparedness, charged with policing Nixon's order, contributed to the confusion. It first said state and local governments are not subject to the pay raise freeze, later said the matter is up in the air.

The OEP said unprocessed agricultural commodities such as grains, vegetables and fruits are exempt from the price freeze, but others such as beefsteak, bread, pasteurized milk and frozen foods are covered.

Ford Motor Co., which had considered seeking authority to hike prices on five models of 1972 cars, joined the other big auto manufacturers in rolling prices back to 1971 levels.

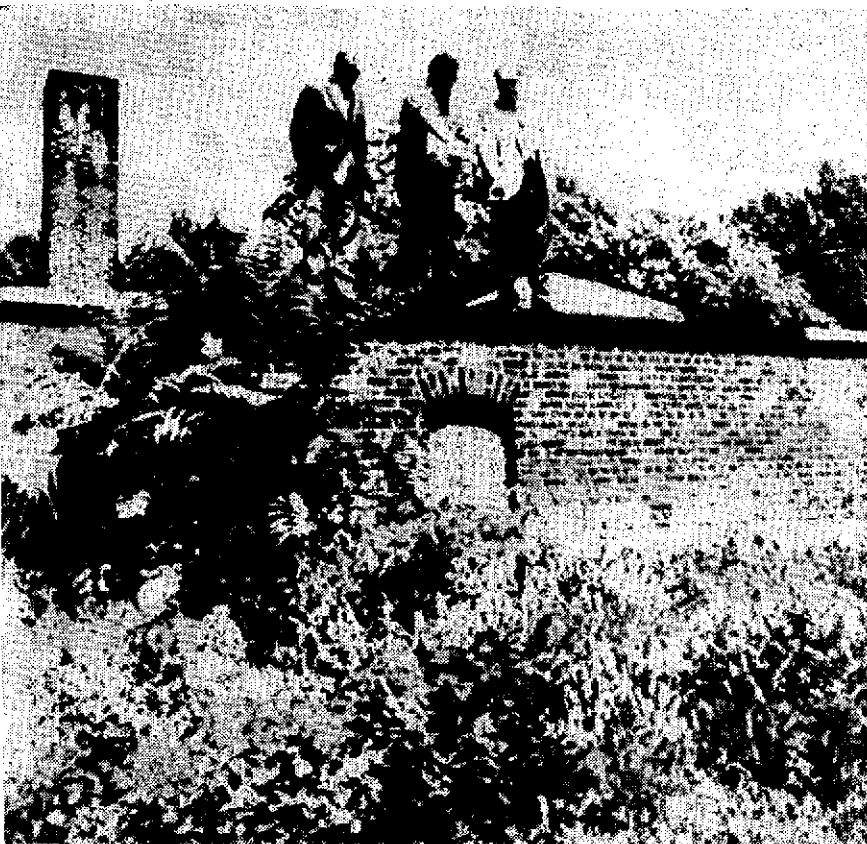
Treasury Undersecretary Paul Volcker, returning from a two-day trip to London and Paris, said no decision has been made on Britain's request for a meeting of the non-communist world's 10 leading industrial nations to discuss monetary reform.

Presidential press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said Nixon fully acknowledged the Democratic contributions of ideas incorporated into his economic package, urged a bipartisan approach and said there will be credit for all in a successful effort to pull the country out of its economic difficulties.

But in private conversations, Capitol Hill sources speculated that Democrats will feel impelled to try harder to put their own mark on the bill finally enacted.

Before Nixon's dramatic reversal Sunday of his earlier, cautious approach to direct government intervention in the economy, Democrats had been counting heavily on a 1972 campaign.

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ALLEGED POTROLMAN: Police view marijuana growing behind police station in New York's Central Park, left, Tuesday. At right, Patrolman John Gardellis, foreground, is taken into custody. He was charged with growing the marijuana plants



near the station, where he is assigned. Authorities said Gardellis and his brother grew the pot 10 feet behind a horse stable used by mounted police assigned to the park. (AP Wirephoto)

Here Are Some Of The Answers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Office of Emergency Preparedness issued Tuesday a partial list of official answers to questions it has received on President Nixon's executive order calling for a wage, price and rent freeze.

The OEP said the following answers were approved by the Cost of Living Council established by Nixon Sunday night when he ordered the price-wage freeze.

Q. Are apartment rents included in the freeze?

A. Yes.

Q. Are prices of used commodities, such as used cars, antiques, and resales of housing included in the freeze?

A. Yes.

Q. Are rates charged by common carriers and public utilities included in the freeze?

A. Yes.

Q. Are wholesale and retail prices included in the freeze?

A. Yes.

Q. Are price increases that have already been announced to take effect in the future subject to the freeze?

A. Yes, all price increases

included in the freeze?

Q. Are fees for professional services such as doctors and lawyers included?

A. Yes. No increases in rates or fees for particular services are permitted during the freeze.

Q. How does the freeze affect people who work on commission or piece rate?

A. The commission rate or piece rate cannot be increased over that existing in the base period.

Q. Will the wage-price freeze apply to insurance rates?

A. Yes.

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Stocks Dip After Big Two Days

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market turned downward today after rolling up big gains in the two previous sessions in reaction to new economic policies announced by President Nixon.

At 11 a.m. the Dow had dropped 8.40 points to 891.50. It had soared a record 32.93 points Monday and another 10.95 points Tuesday.

Trading volume continued at a heavy rate.

Brokers attributed the setback to profit taking on the sharp gains registered Monday and Tuesday.

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'Haggling' May Up Car Prices

Sticker Cost Not Last Word

By STEPHEN H. WILDSTROM

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DETROIT (AP) — The figure at the bottom of the price sticker on 1972 cars will be the same as the 1971 prices, but customers may still have to cough up more money for the new cars.

Sales personnel for major Detroit auto dealerships indicated Tuesday that while the automakers have agreed to roll back announced price hikes in the face of President Nixon's wage-price freeze, the haggling

of the auto marketplace may result in higher prices to the consumer.

The so-called "sticker," or manufacturers' suggested retail price of a car, is by law, the maximum retail price that can be charged. But the actual selling price of American cars is usually well below the sticker price, with the real cost being set in negotiations between the customer and the dealer.

"We'll be discounting the 1971 models," said George Ruskin, sales manager of Northland

Ford in Detroit. "On the '72 models, we'll just be holding a little closer to the sticker price."

Asked why anyone would buy one of the 1971 cars still in stock when he could get a '72 for the same price, a salesman at one of Detroit's largest Chevrolet dealers said, "That's a lot of bunk. We're not going to sell 1972s for the same price as '71s."

SMALL DISCOUNTS

The salesman said his dealership planned considerably

smaller discounts on the new cars than it had been offering on the '71s.

Meanwhile, consumers apparently can continue buying cars without fear that they will lose out on a substantial savings because of a future cut in the 7 per cent excise tax on automobiles.

As proposed, the repeal of the excise tax would be retroactive to Aug. 15 and the major automakers have promised to pass along rebates to buyers. The tax is paid by the corporation on each car it sells and passed along to the dealer and the customer.

A General Motors spokesman said the firm has already begun setting up the machinery to rebate the excise tax if it is repealed by Congress. Robert

Lund, Chevrolet general sales manager, has notified all Chevy dealers that GM will send each customer who bought a car between Aug. 15 and the date of repeal a request form for a rebate.

Northland Ford's Ruskin said it is too soon to assess customer reaction to the price freeze. But, he said, the main question customers have been asking is how soon they can expect excise tax rebates.

If the excise tax on autos is repealed, foreign-made cars imported into the U.S. will cost 0.5 per cent less than before Nixon's new policies went into effect.

The foreign cars had been subject to a 3.5 per cent duty (See back page, sec. 1, col. 8)

Local Schoolmen Find Lansing Is Puzzled, Too

Southwestern Michigan school officials need have no fear that they are the only ones with unanswered questions about the specific impact of President Nixon's price-wage freeze.

Even school officials in Lansing are puzzled.

Don Myers, director of information for the Michigan Department of Education, said Dr. John Porter, state school superintendent, telegraphed officials in Washington late Monday for specific answers on how the President's edict affects

teacher contracts.

There was no answer through late Tuesday but "we expect to take whatever action is indicated as soon as we get a reply," Myers said.

Dr. Porter's telegrams to Elliot L. Richardson, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and to HEW's commissioner of education, Dr. Sidney P. Marland, Jr., asked in part:

Does the presidential edict affect only those teacher contracts not yet negotiated? Does it affect those already

negotiated though no salaries have yet been paid?

Does the edict include those annual longevity increases included in previously-negotiated contracts?

What effect does it have on college tuition rates?

Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan today at shoreline is 62 degrees and holding steady.

Democrats Losing Bonanza

Car License Fee Fight Settled

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Secretary of State Richard H. Austin has announced settlement of a longstanding feud with State Civil Service over the control of license plate offices.

The agreement settles a court suit that has been in legal limbo since 1965.

It calls for gradual elimination of few branch offices and the transfer of auto, truck and other licensing operations to combination civil service-operated driver services and licensing offices.

DEMOCRATS' BOON

This eliminates a major source of political funds for Michigan's Democratic Party. There currently are about 200

fee branch offices in the state. Another some 60 offices are staffed by State Civil Service workers.

The State Civil Service Commission originally filed its suit in 1965 seeking to bring some 30 offices in Michigan's larger cities under its jurisdiction.

The fee branch managers contributed some \$57,000 to his successful campaign for Secretary of State last year, Austin said, more than half of the slightly more than \$100,000 he spent. Fee branch managers collect 30 cents for each set of license plates they sell.

The appointments have been important plums of political patronage to the party controlling the Secretary of State's office.

Managers and workers are expected to make regular annual contributions to the party.

Some have been fired in the past for failing to live up to this unwritten law.

Austin said he talked it over with leaders of the Democratic Party before making the agreement.

"It may be more difficult to raise funds for campaigns," Austin admitted. "But with out advanced technology it was inevitable."

"Most branch managers agreed that the move was logical," he said. "But I can't say all of them were happy about it."

Austin said he was just trying to find the best way to extend

service to the people.

"I'll run on my record," he added.

Austin explained there will be a substantial reduction in the volume of over-the-counter auto license plates sales this fall when his department goes into the mail order business for the first time.

The legislature has authorized the department to accept personal checks. The Department of State will be sending forms offering license tabs—to be attached to the 1971 plates next year—and license plates around Sept. 1.

Austin said he expects about 500,000 of Michigan's some 5 million auto and truck plates to

be sold by mail this fall.

The estimate is based on experience in other states, he said.

"Most motorists buy their plates or tabs at the last minute you know," he said.

Austin said he was "very happy to resolve our differences with the State Civil Service Commission. This demonstrates people in government can work together," he said.

The stipulation to a consent judgement of settlement of the suit involving the two state departments was signed Tuesday by Ingham County Circuit Judge Marvin J. Salmon.

It calls for gradual elimination of



THINNEST HOUSE IN TOWN: This house at 2051 Felicite Street in New Orleans may well be the thinnest dwelling in town. The original building was sliced to a width of only 5-feet to make way for the widening of an adjoining street. Needless to say a reduction in rent was in order. (AP Wirephoto)

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Editorial Page

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Changing The Guard At Whirlpool

Two reactions commonly greet the retirement of a corporation's chief executive.

One is the personalized guessing within the structure as to what life will be like once the successor takes over from the departing boss.

The other from outside the organization — suppliers, customers, investors — speculates on what course the new man will point the machine intrusted to his care.

Monday morning Whirlpool Corporation's board of directors formally announced the retirement of Elisha Gray II as board chairman and chief executive officer because of the company's mandatory 65-year age requirement. Starting September 30th, John H. Platts, president, succeeds to the No. 1 position.

The chances are good that the normal guessing game on a retirement will have an extremely short run in the Whirlpool situation.

In the first place, the change-over was widely known throughout the company and reasonably well understood on the outside. Had the board issued a different statement, that would have been the surprise.

More importantly, the transition is not the case of a team switching coaches.

The two executives have been working in tandem for nine years and as anyone who follows financial reports is aware, most effectively for the company.

Mr. Gray will not have to burn the midnight oil as he has done since going to work in 1928. Neither is he taking over a Sun City park bench. He remains on the board and will be chairman

of its highly important finance committee.

The arrangement will retain for the company and the community two of the best managerial minds in the U.S.

They came to Whirlpool through different doors, and circumstantially rather than by planning.

Mr. Gray arrived here in 1938 as a management trainee, virtually pinpointed at the time to assume the company's guidance later on.

Mr. Platts started out as a hourly rate employee on the line in 1941.

Following World War II, their paths in management drew ever closer and in 1962 Mr. Gray informed his board he thought it best for all concerned if the top responsibility were shared. Mr. Platts was his handpicked successor to assist in the grand plan to establish Whirlpool as king in the home appliance industry.

There is a third reaction on retirements, one from our field.

It is common practice to eulogize a retiree for his great accomplishments in private affairs and in the public arena, and to hint broadly his successor is coming on strong in like manner.

The laudation some times reads more like a eulogy than an accreditation.

It would take more space than is allotted to this column to describe their separate contributions to their company and to our community, but this is not the time or place for a graveside delivery.

We simply want to make the point that the Gray-Platts team is still working full time for everyone.

Heroism And Success

The author of a series of Pollyanna stories thought she was covering all possible contingencies when she borrowed Voltaire's aphorism that "All is for the best in the best of all possible worlds."

What neither Voltaire nor Mrs. Eleanor Hodgman Porter foresaw was that mankind would not rest until it had figured out a way to leave this world, best of all possible one or not.

So far, the departures have been only temporary excursions into a vast unknown, involving only one of every quarter-billion earthlings. Permanent emigrations from Earth to any other planet remain in the dim future. But this much is known: outer space is definitely not the best of all possible environments for human beings.

It is inherently hostile to human life and must be tamed with the aid of extremely costly equipment.

The recently completed voyage of Apollo 15 was one of the best of all possible space trips; its mission was completed brilliantly and the three astronauts are receiving well earned acclaim.

Even this flight had its scary moments, from the first day mystery of the flashing light on the instrument panel to the final day failure of one of the three big parachutes.

Manmade machines have never been 100 percent infallible. A man who entrusts his life to any machine in the early stages of its development is viewed as a hero if he comes back alive. With a few exceptions, such as the Red Baron and Casey Jones, those whose machines crash do not become heroes but remain tragic footnotes in history.

It may not be fair but that's the way it is. Heroism is equated with overcoming the inadequacies of the machinery and lucking out.

Mechanical inadequacies took the lives of three American astronauts in a fire on the ground and of three Russians just as they were returning. These men are heroes of the space effort too. In the nature of things the trio of Apollo 15 rank just a little higher in the scale of heroes. They tried and succeeded.

They earned all the plaudits bestowed upon them as a proud nation welcomed them home.

Quackery

Quacks, commercial as well as medical types, who prey upon the sick and the fears of the elderly and lonely, still abound in society. From the earliest times they have found a ready market for their weird nostrums and schemes.

The range of their depradations knows no bounds. They have no qualms whatever about taking the meager life savings of a widow or robbing the desperately ill of both hope and money. The quacks are the vultures of human society.

Despite widespread warnings and the best of cautions, it is not possible to guard people desperate with fear against the predators who hold out promise of solace, comfort and even cure. The con man knows the ease of cultivating such victims. He knows also few of them will be willing to admit their gullibility.

So it is that law has a special mission to perform in behalf of victims of quackery. It can punish if it cannot prevent. Gullibility cannot be legislated out of existence, but those who prey on the helpless can be punished.

A little dusting off of statutes in this regard is in order. They should be reviewed, strengthened where necessary, and above all strictly enforced.

Peruvian and Bolivian highlanders believe dried, pulverized condor heart cures epilepsy and cardiac defects. The bird's eyes are roasted and eaten to correct human eye ailments, and its blood drunk to lengthen life, National Geographic says.

Two Sides Of Democracy



GLANCING BACKWARDS

BERRIEN'S APPLE QUEEN

—1 Year Ago—

Miss Jamie Lull, 17, of Watervliet was crowned Berrien county's Apple Queen for 1970 last night at the Berrien County Youth fair.

A recent graduate of Watervliet high school, Jamie has dark brown hair and brown eyes, and is five feet seven inches tall. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lull.

PEOPLE BANK STOCKHOLDERS OK CAPITAL EXPANSION PLANS

—10 Years Ago—

Shareholders in The People State bank, at a special meeting, unanimously approved a management request to raise the bank's capital structure substantially.

The action will triple the number of shares each stockholder now has; and if each one exercises his right to purchase

additional shares, it will further increase his equity 11 per cent beyond the tripling of his present equity.

GERMANS TAKE RUSSIAN POST

—20 Years Ago—

Red army forces in the southern Ukraine have fallen still farther back toward the lower Dnieper and their flight has become in part a rout before the advancing German armies, the war bulletin from Adolf Hitler's headquarters declared today.

Thus, again in vague language hiding specific details, the high command tersely indicated further deterioration of Russian defenses on the southern flank of the eastern front and reported "considerable results" in operations elsewhere in Russia.

NEW ROAD

—30 Years Ago—

The 20-foot ribbon of cement, forming the new US-31 from South Haven to St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, is today within three-quarters of being completed.

NEW HOMES

—50 Years Ago—

Frank J. Burkhardt of State street is building three new houses on Wolcott avenue. The work was started this morning.

MAY BUILD

—50 Years Ago—

Several merchants of the city are seriously considering building an ice house and storing their supply for next season.

BUS YSEASON

—50 Years Ago—

The Wells-Higman company report a very busy season with an unusually good demand for all kinds of fruit packages.

WILLIAM RITT

You're Telling Me!

With easing of trade restrictions between the U.S. and Red China, there is already competition between big American zoos to acquire giant pandas, huge bear-like Chinese mammals. What's this?—a bull market in bears?

It's said famed author-critic Voltaire downed some 50 cups of java a day even when he was 80 years old. Wise man—he never let work interfere with his coffee breaks.

No big boozers—Voltaire even so could have been said to have often been in his cups.

An Ipswich, England, tree surgeon who insists he dislikes cats claims he's rescued 50 of the felines from tree-tops during his career. He must hate mice even more than he does the tabbies.

Many large farms now utilize planes in their operation. Maybe we should start calling it airagriculture!

It's impossible to tell the age of a hard-shelled turtle—nature item. Of course not—the wrinkles don't show!

In about another two or three weeks our college students will be putting their best feet forward. The boys trying out for the football team and the girls hoping to become drum majorettes.

Quicklets way to gain office unpopularity is to take your vacation after everybody else has had theirs!

HENRY CATHCART

Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) is supposed to be a prime example of how the Nixon administration's revenue sharing program would work.

Block grants of federal tax dollars are being given to the states to use in fighting crime. Well, if this program is any example of how revenue sharing would work, many responsible politicians here want no part of it.

Consider a recent case in point.

The state of Indiana used \$84,000 in LEAA money to purchase an airplane which state law enforcement officials said was needed to "give Indiana police mobility in criminal work."

The plane has been in use for several months now and for the most part it has been used for almost everything but its purpose.

Sixty-five per cent of the time the plane has been used as a private aircraft for Indiana's governor and the state's director of criminal justice planning.

And how did these state officials use the plane? Gov. Edgar D. Whitcomb took his wife, children and staff members of trips to Washington, Camp Grayling, Mich., Chicago and various Indiana cities on "official business."

A state policeman — trained to use the plane in pursuit of criminals — was used as the

governor's pilot.

William Greenman, executive director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Planning Agency, used the plane to attend LEAA meetings in Colorado Springs, Chicago and other Midwestern cities.

Now it is fine for state officials to attend LEAA meetings around the country, but it hardly seems prudent to use a plane purchased with LEAA funds to fight crime as a vehicle for junkets.

But the story doesn't end here. The crime flying aircraft was used last year to fly to Washington to pick up Moon rocks for display at the Indiana State Fair.

Rep. Fernand St. Germain, D-R.I., a ranking member of the House subcommittee looking into the use of LEAA funds, declares it is "judicious" for Indiana to use the plane as it does.

But while attacking the use of the aircraft, St. Germain had to admit that there was nothing illegal about the practice.

That's the trouble with revenue sharing. Money would be given to states to use as officials please.

As long as state officials are spending funds raised from state taxpayers, there is some final degree of accountability involved. But once money starts flowing into state capitals from the federal treasury, "somebody else's" money is being spent.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

An Army captain in Vietnam, checking on his charges during an early morning lull, was outraged when a young "grunt," minus weapon or helmet, jumped out of a bunker to greet him. "Soldier," barked the captain, "don't you challenge anyone you hear approaching your hideout?" "Yes, sir," replied the abashed draftee, "but this time we thought you were the guy who brings us coffee and crullers every morning. The last time we challenged him, he dropped the coffee!"

Compelled by law to submit to a Wasserman test before coming into matrimony, a member of New York's swinging set returned home with a very low opinion of the operation. "I don't get it," he admitted. "They stick a needle in your vein and absolutely nothing happens!"

QUICKIES: A parsimonious husband found a new excuse for not giving his wife the milk she long had craved. "You're too carc-



DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking Of Your Health

I have a stomach ulcer and there is no doubt that I am a hard-driving, tense person. I am perfectly willing to adhere to a rigid diet and even give up a drink before dinner.

Now I am being hounded by my family to stop smoking. This nagging only increases my tension. Because of this, I won't better that I continue to smoke.

Mr. J. E., III
Dear Mr. E.: Your letter portrays honestly a problem of many patients who have a stomach or duodenal ulcer.

I believe that patients with stomach ulcers are better off without tobacco. Yet I do understand the conflict you are caught in.

Sometimes it is necessary to balance advantages versus disadvantages in making a decision.

Perhaps it would be wise to discuss your emotional responses with your physician and ask him to help get your family off your back during this difficult time. Nagging is not the way to convince you to stop smoking. It can do you a great emotional injustice.

I think you will probably stop smoking when you are convinced that your best chance for a complete cure is without tobacco.

Pressure to stop smoking put upon ulcer patients by doctors depend upon how acute the ulcer problem is. From a scientific point of view, it has been felt that tobacco irritates the stomach lining and, more important, affects the blood supply to an ulcer.



Dr. Coleman

Tobacco is also believed to increase the amount of hydrochloric acid in the stomach, which is a factor in causing pain and irritation of the ulcer.

A dramatic series of scientific studies, performed at the University of Oklahoma Medical School, shows more definitely that nicotine in the blood interferes with secretions from the pancreas and the gall bladder that normally buffer excess acid.

Findings in experimental animals seem to point to a very definite reason why abstinence from tobacco should be part of an ulcer regime.

Mind you, I am not nagging you, Mr. E., but I do hope these scientific facts will give you new insight into the wisdom of giving up tobacco.

I would like to share with your readers my special way of stopping hiccups.

When they happen to me I press the cartilage on the front of my ear until the ear canal is blocked.

Then I gulp a few times with my mouth closed. The hiccups stop.

Miss K.C.G., R.I.
Dear Miss G.: I hereby confer on you an honorary M.D. degree. I know your suggestion works because I tried it myself.

It may not always work for everybody, but it certainly is worth a try in addition to the other methods I have suggested in my columns.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South dealer, North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦K95
♥KQ2
♦J64
♠A973

WEST
♦Q762
♥103
♦987
♠10854

EAST
♦J103
♥J964
♦52
♠KJ62

SOUTH
♦A84
♥A875
♦AKQ103
♠Q

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 2NT Pass
3♦ Pass 4♦ Pass

Opening lead — nine of diamonds.

Let's say you're in six diamonds and West leads a trump. You win with the ten and cash the ace, on which both opponents follow suit. How would you play the hand from this point on?

If you were to extract the only remaining trump you would, in effect, be basing the success or failure of the slam on a 3-3 division in hearts. In

the actual case you would go down, for you would eventually lose both a spade and a heart.

A distinctly better method of play (which would fail in the actual case) would be to stop drawing trumps after two rounds and lead the K-Q and another heart.

This method of play would succeed if it developed that East had only a doubleton heart, whether or not he had the missing trump. If he discarded, you could ruff a heart in dummy. If he ruffed, you would later be able to discard a spade on the heart ace and then ruff a spade.

However, the third and best way of playing the hand is to lead a club to the ace at trick three, ruff a club, play a heart to the queen, ruff another club, play a heart to the king and ruff dummy's last club with your last trump.

Now you enter dummy with a spade, draw West's last trump with the jack as you discard a spade, then cash your two remaining aces to bring you to twelve tricks. The only loser, with this method of play, is a heart. In effect, you score six trump tricks, instead of five, and this makes the big difference in the outcome.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. What instrument is used in determining the latitude a ship is in?
2. In what state was Daniel Webster born?
3. Who created the skinflint character "Scrooge"?
4. What is Alabama's oldest city?
5. What does the Latin phrase "Ex Libris" mean?

YOUR FUTURE
Refrain from uninformed speculation. Take a little care of your health. Today's child will of a sympathetic nature.

IT'S BEEN SAID
Far worse it is to lose than never to have tasted bliss.—Guarini.

BORN TODAY

Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd president of the United States, served as chief executive for a longer period than his grandfather, William Henry Harrison, 9th president, who died after only 31 days in office.

Benjamin Harrison's great-grandfather Benjamin, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and his father, John Scott, was a member of Congress.

Harrison attended school in a log cabin on his father's farm and graduated from Miami, Ohio, University, in 1852.

He raised recruits as a second lieutenant and later became colonel of the 70th Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

Some of the battles he fought in included Kennesaw Mountain, Peachtree Creek, Nashville and in the Atlantic campaign.

He was defeated in the race for governor of Indiana in 1876 and settled for the post of senator.

The presidential campaign of 1888 pitted him against the incumbent, Grover Cleveland, and he beat Cleveland, 233 to 168 electoral votes.

During his administration, Harrison expanded the pension list greatly, suppressed the Louisiana lottery, signed the McKinley high tariff bill and the Sherman silver purchase act.

North and South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Idaho and Wyoming came into the Union during a period of rapid expansion of the West.

Another Ohio boy, William McKinley, in turn defeated Harrison's bid for re-election in the campaign of 1892.

Others born today include Van Johnson, Emily Bronte and Cmdr. Oliver Hazard Perry.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. The sextant.
2. New Hampshire.
3. Charles Dickens in his "A Christmas Carol."
4. Mobile.
5. "From the books of."

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Bandmaster Accepts Big BH Challenge

Twenty-seven-year-old Clinton McChesney arrived in Benton Harbor this week to follow a tough act.

McChesney is the new director of Benton Harbor high school bands. "I'm finding out it's going to be a big, but

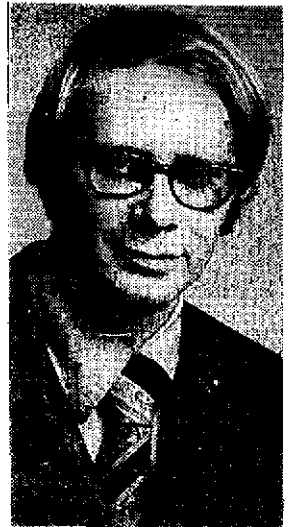
enjoyable job. I have already met some of the band members and their tremendous enthusiasm should make the job easier."

He succeeds Bernio Kuschel who stepped down after an illustrious 24 years leading BHHS bands. Kuschel remains in the system as coordinator of instrumental music and an elementary teacher.

McChesney comes to Benton Harbor from Carthage, Ill., where he was high school band director two years. He has bachelors and masters degrees from Western Illinois university at Macomb where he was a graduate assistant in music. A native of Bennett, Iowa, McChesney and his wife, Karen, have a daughter, Sandra.

Kuschel said McChesney was selected from a large number of applicants and has the qualifications to turn out top flight bands. Assistant high school band director will be Mrs. Julie Cox, a former member of the Benton Harbor staff who returns after teaching in St. Joseph. She also will direct Fairplain junior high bands.

McChesney starts work Monday with a series of meetings with band members followed by two practice sessions Tuesday.



CLINTON MCCHESNEY
New Bandmaster

Rough Map Sketched Redrawing Of BH School Boundaries Is Underway

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer
BERRIEN SPRINGS — The redistricting planning committee for the Benton Harbor school



GETS MASTER'S: Peter A. Dual, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Dual, 1235 Broadway, Benton Harbor, received a master's degree in teaching the educationally and economically deprived last week at Western Michigan university. He will attend Michigan State this fall on a fellowship to work on a PhD. Dual is a graduate of Benton Harbor St. John's high school.

district last night began rough mapping of the Benton Harbor district based on first choices of those areas wanting out.

The committee, named July 1 by the Berrien Intermediate school board to remap the Benton Harbor district, received maps and letters from interested parties and combined them all into a single rough map. This was a starting point for consideration.

Chairman George Welch told committee members he expects to see basic remapping finished in 60 days.

"Let's get it done," he said. "Let's move."

WILL HEAR REPORTS

The committee is scheduled to meet again Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the intermediate district headquarters, Berrien Springs, to hear reports about consultants and costs for space work involved in remapping. It also will begin analyzing the effects of redistricting on Ben-

ton Harbor and neighbor districts.

The committee on Aug. 5 mailed out 25 blank maps to members of the committee's predecessor, the Blue Ribbon committee, and to individuals representing groups that requested them.

Completed maps and suggestions came back last night with three "first choices" although there were various alternatives cited:

— Sodas area seeks to join Eau Claire district.

— Fairplain west, northwest and east seek to join St. Joseph.

— Sorter area seeks a brand new K-12 district composed of Sorter, Mt. Pleasant, Sodas, Chadwick, Stump, Pearl, Spinks Corners and all of Fairplain.

— North Shore west and west Lafayette seek to join St. Joseph.

— North Shore east and south Eaman areas seek to join Coloma district.

— Millburg wants to join Coloma.

Committeemen blended them into a crude map, which they emphasized is only for discussion purposes at this stage, that would send Stump, Chadwick, Sodas and Mt. Pleasant to Eau Claire; send all of Fairplain and plus North shore west and west Lafayette west to St. Joseph; join North Shore East, south Eaman and Millburg to Coloma; create a new K-12 district of Sorter, Pearl, and Spinks Corners; and leave the Benton Harbor district to include Bard, Hall, Martindale, Johnson and Boynton.

This sketch is impossible under present state law because part of an old district cannot leave and create a new district, said Dr. Roger Boline, director of the school services division of the state department of education. Special state legislation would be required to permit it, he added.

The committee also accepted with regret the resignation of one of its members, received a critical letter from a former Blue Ribbon committeewoman and a remap suggestion from a Blue Ribbon committeeman, and noted a warning from the State Civil Rights commission.

The seven-member redistricting committee is the successor to the 34-member Blue Ribbon committee that met from May through June to pose solutions to pressing problems of the Benton Harbor district. The Blue Ribbon committee dissolved after adopting a 33-page report calling for a new committee to create a redistricting plan, a role filled by the redistricting committee.

A letter from Milton J. Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Civil Rights commission, to a redistricting committeeman said some of the alternatives the committee is discussing "appear to be in conflict with current state public policy."

The committee should comply with policy reaffirmed by the state board of education last Feb. 10 which says property transfer requests "that show evidence of significantly militating against the integration of a school district and/or moving in the direction of greater segregation, would be looked upon as contrary to state policy."

The redistricting committee accepted with regret the resignation of one of its members, Mrs. Mildred Wells, Benton Harbor NAACP education chairman, and asked the intermediate board to name a successor, possibly Fred Sims or Myron Frasier. Both are members of the old Blue Ribbon committee.

(Meanwhile, Benton Harbor NAACP President Hershel Mc-

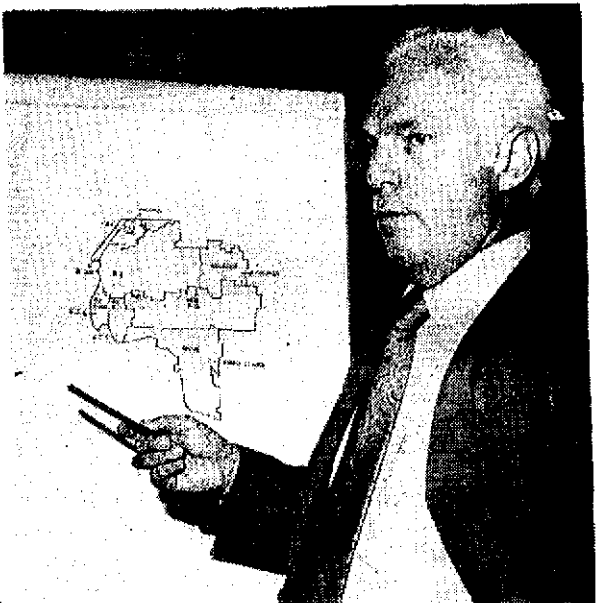
Kenzie penned a letter to Welch and the committee recommending that the committee be expanded to include "the names of persons representing NAACP and MINORITY views" because the NAACP feels the committee is not now reflecting minority representation needed in serious school deliberations.)

TELL OPPOSITION

A former Blue Ribbon committee member, Mrs. Joyce Leary, by mail told the new committee she's opposed to redistricting. So said a letter from the Rev. C. Wesley Gordon.

Another Blue Ribbon committeeman, James Nettleton, suggested.

(See back page, sec. 1, col. 7)



ROUGH SKETCH: Redistrict Committee Chairman George Welch describes a rough sketch that blends together Benton Harbor redistricting requests received to date from areas seeking out of the Benton Harbor school district. It's just a start and wouldn't be legal under state law because it creates a new K-12 district from part of the Benton Harbor district. (Staff photo)

Nixon Edict Ends One Local Strike

Although members of two unions were picketing two Benton Harbor industrial firms this morning, at least one indicated definite plans to terminate its strike, in line with a federal request to end all strikes nationwide during the 90-day "freeze" period declared by President Nixon.

Jack Brand, president of Teamsters Local 7, said this morning he will immediately ask striking members to return to their jobs at Michigan Standard Alloys plants at 1256 Milton and on Mendel road, Benton Harbor.

A strike against Modern Plas-

tics Corp., 489 North Shore drive, was reported continuing this morning. Officers of striking Local 1716, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, were not immediately available for comment of future plans.

The teamsters president stated that he would request all Local 7 members to return to work under provisions of their old contract, which has expired. He said if a new contract is resolved, the new terms hopeful-

ly, would become effective Nov. 14, if the 90-day "freeze" on wages, prices and rents is lifted.

Strikes against Michigan Standard Alloys and Modern Plas-

tics are the only ones in progress in the Twin Cities. The Nixon administration has requested that all strikes be terminated nationwide, and that no new strikes be called during the "freeze" period.

Spokesman for the administration was J. Curtis Courts, chief federal labor mediator.

It was reported that 150,000 persons are idled because of 363 strikes over the nation, including dockworkers on the West Coast, New Telephone Co., steel fabricators and rubber plant workers.

The strike of about 2,500 workers at Simplicity Pattern Co. in Niles, which started June 29, also continued today. "The strike is still in effect," reported Winston Sands, manager of branch operations.

Henry Merritt, secretary-treasurer of Local 151, Niles Printing Pressman and Assistants Union, said his organization has no current plans to return to work. "I'm going to have to be ordered to do so," explained Merritt, "until that time they're not going back to work."

A meeting between the union and Simplicity management is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday at the Four Flags Motor Inn in Niles.

Dowagiac Pay Talks Broken Off

DOWAGIAC — Negotiations broke off Tuesday afternoon between the Dowagiac school board and the Education association which represents local teachers.

As a result the DEA said it would request factfinding. In a statement the association accused the board of "a complete refusal to discuss the unresolved issues." The association indicated the three major issues unresolved involved class size, teacher leave policy and pay.

The statement acknowledged that President Nixon's wage-price freeze has clouded the pay issue.

Teachers are seeking a leave policy to permit teachers to be absent if a member of the family is seriously sick.



ON TO LAW SCHOOL: Charles R. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Johnson, 988 McAlister avenue, Benton Harbor, was graduated Friday from Western Michigan university and now plans to attend law school. Brown was among the first 75 students to enroll at Western in 1968 under the Martin Luther King, Jr., scholarship program, founded by Western to encourage minority youth to attend college. Six of the original 75 attended spring and summer sessions to complete degree requirements in three years. The majority of the first year class will graduate in April, 1972.

Candidates File Tardy Statements

The final two candidates in Benton Harbor's Aug. 3 mayoral and city commissioner primary filed tardy election expense statements Tuesday with Berrien County Clerk Forrest H. Kestler.

The two are F. Joseph Flaugh, city commissioner who was unsuccessful in winning a spot on the ballot for mayor in November, and Pressley Rhodes, an unsuccessful contender for city commissioner.

Flaugh declared \$1,936.88 each in donations and expenses, with no debts outstanding. Rhodes declared \$90.45 in expenses, no donations and no unpaid debts.

Flaugh's contributors were listed as: Roy L. Flaugh and Joseph Flaugh, Jr., \$500 each; Dan Flaugh, \$350; Michael Angelo, \$200; F. Joseph Flaugh, Sr., \$136.88; James Bryan and Calvin Seel, \$100 each; and Frank Sink, \$50.

Nongraded Meeting Is Set For Thursday

Information on the nongraded program that will operate at the former Britain avenue campus of Lake Michigan college will be given to parents at a meeting Thursday.

The nongraded system is for children living in the Calvin Britain-Columbus attendance areas of Benton Harbor who otherwise would be assigned to grades 4, 5 and 6. Dr. John Karan, assistant superintendent for educational services, will discuss the nongraded program at the meeting at 7 p.m. in the former LMC building.

Lutheran Campaign To Raise \$500,000 To Begin Thursday

Michigan Lutheran High School association will hold the general inaugural of "Project C" Thursday at Grace Lutheran church, 404 East Glenford road, St. Joseph.

Project C is a campaign to raise \$500,000 for the building of a new Michigan Lutheran high school on a 50-acre campus between Marquette Woods and Glenford roads. The title stands for Challenge Project to Christian Concern.

Principal speaker will be Pastor Robert J. Voss, executive secretary, Wisconsin Evangelical Synod Commission on

Higher Education, Milwaukee. Invitations have been issued to some 1,800 members of southwestern Michigan Wisconsin synod congregations. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

Michigan Lutheran high school will operate grades 9 and 10 this year in a wing of Good Shepherd Lutheran church, Fairplain. It will add a class each year until four grades are reached in 1973 when the association hopes to complete the new school.

Benton Votes Sewer Line Bond Sale

Benton township board of trustees last night voted to sell \$210,000 in bonds for a sanitary sewer line that will serve the Pipestone Industrial District.

Only one bid was submitted. It came from a combine of four firms at an interest rate of 5.9261 per cent. Net interest on the 15-year issue was reported to be \$93,337.68.

The combine included Berrien Securities Inc., American Securities Corp., Manley, Bennett,

Dowagiac Firm Picks St. Joe Ad Agency

Lowe's, Inc., of Cassopolis, manufacturers of Tidy Cat and Kitty Litter, has appointed Vivox, Inc., of St. Joseph, as advertising agency. Tidy Cat is the top selling cat box filler distributed nationally in supermarkets. Kitty Litter is sold through pet shops.

McDonald & Co., and Kenower, MacArthur division.

The township will issue 42 bonds at \$5,000 each, to be paid off by 1986. The Twin City Area Development Corp., which is developing the industrial district, has pledged to pay for the sewer cost and interest.

The proposed sewer vein will supplement a watery artery to the industrial area and township officials have stated that they feel the services will create new interest in the 522-acre district. The bonds will provide the funds for the project.

In other action, the board passed a resolution approving Nov. 2 as the date for a referendum in Benton township on rezoning of property to permit construction of a Jewel Food store.

The county special elections committee, acting upon an earlier request from township Supervisor Martin J. Lane, set the Nov. 2 date at its meeting last week.

The election will determine if the township board's decision to rezone five acres of land should stand. The property is located at 756 East Napier and would be rezoned from D-2 to D-1 to permit construction of the \$1.75 million Jewel store. Presently, the land, just west of M-139, is owned by Miss Helen Oehlbeffer.

In other business, the board gave its approval to the transfer of a liquor license from Mrs. Marian Kling to Wendall and Selma Holmes for operation at North Shore tavern, 105 Higman Park road.

Passed a motion which would provide for the contribution of \$500 to Blossomtime Inc. toward the 1972 Blossom festival in spring.

Passed a request calling for the rezoning of property at 2089 East Empire avenue from A-2 single family to E-restricted industrial. The board's request will be passed to the township planning commission for review at a later date.

REQUEST DENIED

Benton Harbor, Benton township and St. Joseph declined Liskey's request to send in registrars. But Liskey said he hopes the emphasis on registration will inspire students from the metropolitan area to register on their own.

Liskey said the league's big goal is to reverse a pathetic record of voting among the under 21 set. He noted that in 1970 in states where young people could vote only 26 per cent did so while the over 21 group turned out 55 per cent. "We're trying to break that statistic," Liskey said.



OFF TO CIVITAN YOUTH SEMINAR: Seven twin city youths left yesterday for a four-day Civitan Youth Seminar at Albion college. Over 200 delegates are expected from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota to hear talks on "Discrimination," "Pollution," and "Systems of Demo-

cracy." From left are Joe DeFrance, Miss Debbie DeFrance, Bill Hammond, Dave Carbery (seated), Dave Trudell, Kevin Kelm, Keith Umphrey and Matt Houseal. DeFrance, Clyde Kitchin and Jack Stuber of the Twin Cities Civitan club took the group to Adrian. (Staff photo)

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It Was Beautiful Day To Attend Fair

Sunshine Brings Out Record Crowd

By ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Berrien County Youth fairgoers here Tuesday smashed the fair's all-time daily record attendance as a total of 23,533 persons passed through the gates.

Tuesday's crowd topped the opening day attendance record of 17,818 set in 1969 and the all-time single day record of 29,986 set on Friday during fair week.

last year.

The massive opening day turnout led delighted fair officials to opine that season attendance this year could easily top the 100,000 mark provided weather conditions continue favorable.

School-age children, admitted free on opening day, contributed heavily to the huge throng. President Robert Norris noted that spectators came and went all day and evening, so the parking lots were never totally

filled although they came close to overflowing a time or two. The thermometer hovered around the 80-degree mark throughout the day as bright sunshine and a refreshing breeze combined for a perfect day.

In beef cattle judging Tuesday, a 1,000-pound Charolais steer exhibited by Chuck Durm of Niles was named the fair's grand champion market beef animal. The overall reserve grand champion was an Angus

Charolais cross shown by Linda Seabast of Buchanan.

The coveted Jack Dean Memorial trophy given annually to the top fitting and showmanship horse and rider was won by 18-year-old Billy Erwin of Buchanan. Carol Dunbar of Buchanan placed second in the overall horse showmanship competition.

FOOD CHAMPS

Grand and reserve champions were also named in food preparation competition Tuesday.

Sue Shuler of Baroda was named grand champion and Pamela Waldo of Berrien Center, reserve champion.

Individual breed champions in beef cattle competition were: Angus — Dianne Benhart of Three Oaks, grand champion; Fred Foster of Niles, reserve champion; Charolais — Chuck Durm of Niles, grand champion; Ray Paturalski of Niles, reserve champion; Shorthorn — Scott Foster of Niles, grand champion; D'ace Foster of Niles, reserve champion; Hereford — Barbara Cuthbert of Niles, grand champion; Erich Norris of Berrien Center, reserve champion; Crossbreed — Linda Seabast of Buchanan, grand champion; Kathy Young of Buchanan, reserve champion.

In breeding stock competition, Leona Foster of Niles placed first in the beef yearling heifer competition; Gail Chesnut of Three Oaks first in the beef heifer calf competition; and Leona Foster first in beef cow competition.

Beef showmanship winners were Gail Chesnut in the senior division and Linda Seabast in the junior division.

Champions were also named in 11 separate horse halter classes, they are: Christopher Rothfuchs, Buchanan; Lisa Perock, Berrien Springs; Julie Spitzer, Berrien Springs; Julie Heim, Niles; Joanne Bassler, Niles; Melissa Plotts, Eau Claire; John Bilton, Berrien Springs; Cynthia Raine, Benton Harbor; Debbie Dunham, Benton Harbor; Carole Dunbar, Buchanan; and Billy Erwin, Buchanan.

In showmanship competition for English-type horses, Mary Coupe of New Troy was named overall grand champion and Sarah Pellick of Benton Harbor, reserve champion.

RIBBON WINNERS

Rosette ribbons for best of fair in various food preparation classes were awarded to Carol Kolm, Berrien Springs, cake and canning; Caren Schultze, Niles, bread; Diane Pantaleo, Berrien Springs, yeast rolls; Susan Bennett, Berrien Springs, pie; Kris Haase, Benton Harbor, coffee cake; Kris Kiel, Stevensville, cookies; Marlene Scherwe, Stevensville, creative cooking; Kara Wade, Benton Harbor, foreign foods; Melanie Barber, Niles, jams and jellies.

Judging of horses, sheep, poultry, swine, goats, rabbits, home economics, safety, handicraft, photos, flowers, first aid and scouts were scheduled for today. Due to the record number of exhibits, judging of many of the displays is taking longer than expected.

Tonight at the main grandstand, Del Reeves Country and Western show will be performed twice at 7 and 9 p.m. Yesterday the grandstand was overflowed with spectators for both performances of Gene Holter's Movieland Wild Animal show.

On Thursday, judging of dairy cattle and dogs will take place along with two performances at night by Danny Davis and the Nashville B's. The youth tractor operators contest will take place at 2 p.m.

Friday, judging of dog classes will be completed and the annual auction of swine and sheep will take place at 10 a.m. followed by the beef auction at 1 p.m. Boots Randolph will perform twice Friday night.

Bobby Vinton will perform the two shows Saturday night and the tractor, garden tractor and pony pulling contests will be held during the day.



1,100 POUNDS OF BEEF: Chuck Durm, a June graduate of Niles high school, proudly stands with his grand champion market steer "Brownie" a 1,100 pound Charolais, selected tops among all breeds at the fair Tuesday. The animal will be the first to go to the block at the annual beef auction Friday at 1 p.m. Judy Jannert of Eau Claire holds the coveted Bruce Dale Foster Challenge trophy on which Chuck's name will be inscribed along with past grand champion market steer winners. Two years ago Chuck showed the grand champion market lamb. (Staff photo)

Aerosol Death Called Warning

Parents Search For Answers

By STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — The whisper of spray from an aerosol deodorant can was like a lighted fuse on a bomb for a Paw Paw youth who died early Saturday morning at a campsite north of here.

The youth who would have been a senior at Paw Paw high school this year, and three other companions, were reportedly inhaling fumes from the deodorant, state police said.

Robert Whittle, 17, was buried Tuesday. He was a member of the wrestling team at the school and considered an exceptional golfer. He had planned on going to college after graduation and had even considered golfing as a possible occupation.

DESPITE WARNINGS

In an interview, the boy's father, Ben Whittle, related accounts told to him of how his son, despite warnings of ill effects from his companions, continued inhaling the fumes. He said he had no idea that his son was experimenting with drugs or their substitutes.

"We had discussed drugs, and what damage they could do to the brain," said Whittle. "I thought Bobby was level-headed. I didn't imagine he could be that foolish."

Whittle, in a soft-spoken appeal, asked other teenagers to examine themselves and admonished them that they "shouldn't wait until their friend is in a mental hospital or in the grave (because of drugs) before willing to help."

In a long moment of reflection, he said he believes now

that he was "very weak on discipline," and urged other parents "to go to every extreme to know what their children are doing" when they are away from home.

He added that "too much freedom" seems to be at the center of the country's problems. "Perhaps in the next century we will have studied the use and abuse of freedom."

Among the freedoms that Robert had, was a small van truck Whittle bought for his son

and which was used on camping trips.

Whittle, and his wife, painfully recounted what Robert's companions, and results of state police interviews, told them of the events which led to Robert's death. The companions were two 16-year-old boys from Paw Paw and a Kalamazoo girl.

According to the reports the three young men began their campout and inhaling on Thursday night, and on Friday night, resumed their experiment with the "addition of the girl to the party."

Late Friday night, two of the young men complained of ill effects from the inhaling and reportedly urged Robert to quit. **STRUGGLE ENSUED**

He refused, and, according to one account, Whittle said, a struggle ensued in which one of the youths said he tried unsuccessfully to "knock Robert out."

At one point, what apparently was the only can of deodorant remaining was tossed into the woods. It was retrieved.

Sometime later, the three observed that Robert was having difficulty breathing, and moved his now prostrate form closer to the fire for warmth.

They recalled that one ingredient of the spray is a substance similar to that used for cooling refrigerators. They apparently feared, Whittle said, that the spray had "frozen" Robert's lungs.

The youths tried "fanning" warmth from the fire toward Robert, and even put him in a sleeping bag. Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation was not successful.

And sometime, in efforts to save Robert, they tried heart massage, beat on his stomach, and poured a "canister" of water down his open mouth. Whittle said in quoting one of the companions.

SUMMONED POLICE
Later, they trekked the half mile from the woods campsite in the woods to a car and summoned state police who found Robert dead.

A deputy medical examiner called to the camp site gave a preliminary cause of death as asphyxiation.

Police are waiting the results of an autopsy conducted late Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Whittle remarked: "If our son's death helps any of these kids, we will have a sacrificial son."

But one teenager, asked about the deodorant death, said that other teens were at first shocked by Robert's death, but have been quick to point out that it was a deodorant that caused it, not drugs; stay away from deodorants.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Patricia, 20 and Tracy, 10; and two brothers, Perry, 14 and Phillip, 11.



ROBERT WHITTLE

Lessons In Safety Given Area School Bus Drivers

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — "Turn that fire extinguisher on the roof of the bus first. You don't want flames around your head."

Dale Benjamin, pupil transportation consultant for Western Michigan university and Eastern Michigan university, offered this advice and more to some 100 school bus drivers watching a demonstration on handling emergencies.

The drivers are among 250 from Southwestern Michigan who are attending a three-day summer workshop at Berrien Springs high school. Staffs from the two universities staged the demonstration on the school grounds. The program, here is under the auspices of the Berrien county intermediate school district.

Throughout the demonstrations Tuesday, school buses were set afire inside twice, and put out with hand extinguishers. The vehicle finally was saturated with a flammable liquid, set ablaze and allowed to burn. This called for use of fire hoses, from a truck provided by Berrien Springs, Oronoko township, fire department.

"The purpose is to provide good safe transportation for kids, through trained drivers," Benjamin said, adding that statistics show school buses the safest means of transportation today for youngsters.

NO DEATHS

Benjamin said it's been "many, many years," since a child has died or been seriously injured by fire on a school bus in Michigan. He said there have been 10 school bus fires reported, all minor, so far this calendar year. Benjamin added that there probably have been more, suspecting a poor reporting record from school districts where a minor blaze is involved.

As to traffic fatalities last year involving buses last year, Benjamin said there were 18 in the state. This involves vehicle accidents, not fires, and often does not directly involve a bus. Benjamin said one child died while running across a street to wait for a bus. He was struck by another car before the bus was in sight. Yet, the fatality is included in the school bus count, Benjamin said.

All school bus drivers now are required to be certified by the state, and must complete a sanctioned training course. Such courses have been offered for about 15 years. Attendance was voluntary until several years ago when certification was required. Now a driver must attend a course every three years.

The summer program here drew drivers from Berrien, Van Buren, Allegan, Cass, St. Joseph and Kalamazoo counties. The workshop began Monday and runs through today.

OTHER CLASSES

While Tuesday's demonstration was a highlight, there has been much more in the classroom—state police detailing traffic laws, a basic mechanics course, first aid and an outdoor driving "rodeo" to develop skills.

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purpose is to gain experience in instant first aid, should real roll-over occur and injuries result. (Staff photo)

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awaiting the jury trial, which he eventually lost, he was arrested and pleaded guilty to a charge of use of marijuana.

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There was no bargaining then, he said, on the charge which subsequently led to the young man's imprisonment.

Besides Merrill, three others appeared in circuit court Monday for sentencing. They were: Stanley Barofski, 43, of east Brunswick, N.J., who had previously pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted uttering and publishing of a forged check, was sentenced to six

months in county jail.

Donald Stewart, 19, of Bangor, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny in a building, was sentenced to Southern Michigan Prison for a term of from two to four years.

Stephen Jack, 28, of South Haven, previously put on probation following his conviction of a charge of illegal possession of marijuana, admitted violation probation. His sentencing was delayed for one week.

PLEAS ENTERED

Four others appeared in court for arraignment and to plead to charges. They were:

Darwin Reeves, 27, of Lawton, was remanded back to jail in lieu of bond after his plea of guilty to a charge of

auto theft was refused by Judge Anderson.

Charles Ruth Martin, 30, of Watervliet, stood mute to charges of entering without breaking and breaking and entering a motor vehicle.

Donald John Lopez, 27, of South Haven, pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of marijuana.

Donald Singleton Gann, alias Paul R. Knapp, 23, who is currently a prisoner at Jackson, pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted uttering and publishing a forged check.

Gann, taken from Jackson on a writ to plead to the charge, is accused of trying to cash a bogus \$67 check in Decatur on Jan. 5, 1971.

Van Buren Youth Sentenced

Policy On Narcotics Reaffirmed

By STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — A prison term handed down Monday to a South Haven youth convicted on a narcotics charge apparently reaffirms the Van Buren Prosecutor's philosophy on prosecution of drug-related offenses.

The youth, James Merrill, 18, was sentenced to Southern Michigan prison for a term of from two to 10 years. Judge David Anderson Jr. also ordered psychiatric evaluation and vocational training for Merrill, an unemployed high school dropout.

Merrill was convicted by a jury of illegal possession of marijuana.

THIRD CONVICTION

It was the third narcotics-

related conviction for Merrill within a two-year-period.

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